

But the *Chronicle* is not a politician; nor is he a preacher in the common acceptance of the term. He is only a Baptist layman, who writes as he feels moved. There is something in the "signs of the times" that impresses him as remarkable fulfillments of the prophecies of the Bible. The only known nation where the gospel has not been preached has been Tibet, and now a lady is reported to be

BRETHREN, if any of you who owe us, have any money, even a little, please send it to us. We never needed it more than right now. It is but a small amount to you, but when about one thousand of you who are in arrears with us, send in your dues, don't you see what a difference it would make with us? Do brethren right now, send us help, and may the Lord bless you in it.

We learn that Prof. Warner, of Clinton, preached the commencement sermon at Harmony Association High School at Lena, and that it was a sermon worthy of the occasion and the man. He is the efficient professor of Greek at Mississippi College, and is one of our best preachers.

An old preacher who knows, says with great pith and point: "A minister who is worthy of the name can stand an empty pulpit better than empty pews or an empty prayer-meeting." In such a case he feels that his people are sick even "nigh unto death."

THE Roman Catholic church in this country makes much of educating the masses, while in Spain, a thoroughly Catholic country, in a population of 18,000,000 people only 6,000,000 can read and write! How is this? Ah yes, I see.

"When the devil was sick
The devil a saint would be;
When the devil got well
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Beyond the Abyssonians die: or claim
 Companionship with the night-wind that
 shrills
 'Round other's lonely peak: we should
 we weep
 Our glory pass: Still stands shall ever
 stand
 Unchanged, unchangeable, each mighty
 steep.
 And vale and stream their olden beauty
 keep
 Sure witnesses from the Creator's hand.
 Of favoring love to these, my own dear
 land.
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terfice, and he goes back into barbarism. Extinguished the light which has shone from the Cross for now near to 1400 years, and man goes adrift again on the dark and tempestuous sea of doubt and uncertainty, only to be wrecked at last on the gloomy shores of despair.

You, then, are holding aloft the cross-embazoned banner and

Mr. L. Q. Weeks and Miss Alma Lawrence. The sterling qualities of the groom and the Christian virtues of the esteemed bride, bespeak for them an honored, pleasant and useful life.

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At the residence of Mr. Wm. Latimer, Hancock county, Miss., May 3, 1898, at 12 m., Mr. J. A. Anderson and Miss. Myrtle Latimer.

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(MISS) MARY E. BACKEY, Editor.

MAY.

BRAZIL. "And the idols He shall utterly abolish." S. B. C.

Missions opened in Brazil, 10; native assistants, 11; churches, 15; outstations, 17; membership, 18; baptisms, 251; schools, 1; scholars, 45; Contributions, \$3,000.

Study Topics.—Past success, present needs, future prospect. What Romanism has done for the people. What a pure gospel can and will do for them.

Soul Prosperity.

The joy of the Lord, says Henry, will arm us against the assaults of our spiritual enemies. It spreads a smile, and refreshes odor over the general condition of our lives. It induces cheerfulness, suppresses peevishness, and discomfits and through us as the happy participants of its precious treasures, it says, "Religion for your present benefit is well worth your living." And how does it make us to feel sure?

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dipped in the font, and salt put on its lips. Here it receives its name, often that of the saint to which the day belongs; and a godmother and father, who are often held in greater esteem than very near blood relatives. They are further protected by charms hung about their necks to keep off evil eyes. This custom comes direct from Pagan Africa. When their baby, spirits take their flight, they are spoken of as "angels," and are often borne to their graves in an open coffin, with wings attached to the sides. As soon as they can lip they are taught to speak of God as "our Papa in heaven," and to know Jesus as "the little child Jesus." They know nothing of Him as their Savior. They are frightened into obedience by weird stories of Satan, or an old man with a bag coming to get them.

The boy has the precedence. He is not idolized as in heathen countries; although he is apt to tyrannize over his small sisters. His dress clothes at the age of ten are often those of the man, though indoors a solitary garment of "mother-hubbard" style is his favorite outfit. His shoes are more highly esteemed than his hat. The tiny feet, though stockinged, are tucked into slippers upon a sudden call to the street, while the head is often bare. We once saw a picture of a nude baby whose feet were hid in slippers.

The cigarette season finds its way to the most smoking universal among the men. Neither tobacco chewing nor wine drinking is universal among both sexes, and begins with their earliest years. The people's whiskey is made from sugar cane juice.

The girl is a victim, when abroad, to the fiery, more or less, of her mother. In the school-room the sexes are never found together when the age of the boy exceeds ten years. The young lady bids farewell to her

fourteen or fifteen years. She has an ornamental education. She plays on the piano, does fancy work, especially gotten thread crochets, speaks French, writes a pretty hand, converses well, and dances gracefully. Her brother chooses his trade or profession early, and studies as long as he likes, or his parents desire. Neither are legally independent under twenty-one years of age.

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Clinton church has just held a Missionary Convention of two days, which promises to result in a more general interest in mission effort and larger contributions to the cause. The program included addresses by H. Boyce Taylor, J. H. Wright, T. C. Mahan and Dr. W. S. Gee. The attendance, especially at the night sessions, was good, and the interest grew to the close.

The church at Columbus has acted with wisdom in securing a pastor at once. Elder Hughlett, a Mississippian, from the Seminary at Louisville, assumes the care of this field May 1.

Liberty church, Fulton county, has just completed a handsome new house, which is to be dedicated May 22.

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Whiskey did it.

The following true tale of the work of the whiskey demon is recorded.

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"He's killed him," said one. "Let's hang him to a lamp post."

"Oh mother, mother," wailed the boy, "wake up! Oh, I've killed her, too! let me go to her." "Come with me said the officer, "somebody else'll take care of your mother, and we'll take care of you."

"I didn't do it, God knows I didn't, the whiskey did it," cried the boy as the officer led him away.

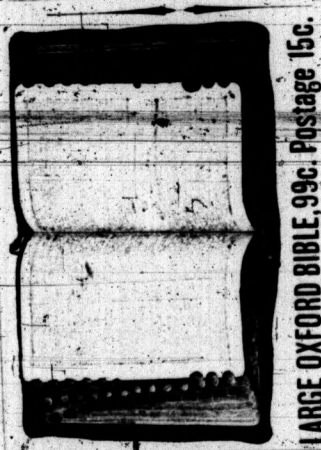
No, he had not done it, and the whiskey had; but the law does not try whiskey.

Whiskey had not followed the man out of the saloon and beat his brains out with a piece of board. The boy had not really done it, either; for he had not known what he did, and when he was himself nothing could have induced him to do such a deed.

And yet he was the motor, or rather the whiskey was the motor and he the machine it moved. He was the one who went to prison. His mother was the one who lay dead from grief. It was his hand that bore the stain of a mother's blood. And whiskey did it.

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